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The Spanish Question.

The Memphis Appeal publishes a correspondence between General Sherman and N. B. Forrest, formerly a General in the Southern army, who offers his services as a volunteer in the event of war with Spain. Gen. Forrest states that he can enlist five thousand men who serve in the Southern army during the late war, and at short notice, and who could rendezvous at New Orleans, Mobile, Pensacola, and Key West, either as cavalry or infantry.

General Sherman replies, by a letter in which he states having referred the offer to the Secretary of War for file, "deeming it worthy of a place among the archives to wait coming events, regarding N. B. Forrest as one of the most extraordinary men developed by our civil war, and were it left to me in the event of war requiring cavalry, I would unhesitatingly accept his services, and give him a prominent place. I believe now he would fight against our national enemies as vehemently as he did against us, and that is saying enough."

The offer of Forrest to fight for the Government is an indication of loyal good will on the part of the South which should not go unnoticed, or unappreciated.

General Sherman in his letter also gives his opinion as to the prospects of war, which may be of value at this time. He says: "I don't believe there will be war, for neither Government wants a war. Again, in the event of a war with Spain on account of Cuba, the bulk of the fighting would be afloat, for whoever commands the sea can have Cuba. We may not have sufficient heavy iron-clad ships, but then some could be had, and we have abundance of good naval officers and seamen, leaving for land forces the smaller task of occupation. No part of this will likely be confined to me. Therefore I have sent your letter to the War Department which can only act after Congress declares war and provides the means for its prosecution."

GENERAL NEWS.

The Phoenix Silk Mills, in Paterson, which has been partially stopped since the pause, will put on 300 more hands this week.

A church in Boston was the scene of an amateur theatrical performance the other night; the vestry made a beautiful green-room.

Three sons of James Callahan, of Jersey City, took the law into their own hands the other day and beat their father for marrying again.

Jacob Mechilia, who was sentenced to be hanged last Friday for the murder of U. S. Marshal Stephenson in Jersey City, was very unexpectedly reprieved by Governor Parker, there being doubts as to his sanity.

Twenty manufacturers in Manayunk, Philadelphia, resumed work during the past week with full hands, but at a reduction of from 10 to 15 per cent, in wages. The remainder will probably resume before the first of the year. Several large factories in Philadelphia also resumed.

South Adams, many years well known as a business man of Boston, and with his brother, the first manufacturer of the Adams printing press, died on Sunday at his residence in Newton.

The old church at Longmeadow, Mass., held Thanksgiving services more than a hundred years, it first having responded to the Governor's proclamation in 1767, and the gallery for the choir is the same as when the singers took their keynote from the ancient chorister's pitch-pipe.

The forts on the coasts of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, and Louisiana are being furnished with full supplies of ammunition and provisions, to meet any emergency thus may result from our complications with Spain.

Henry Shillebrandt, of Patterson, was tried in that city for stealing 100 chickens. He is a silk-cutter, and said his family were starving. He was let off by giving his note to pay for the chickens when word received:

A man named Henry Johnson, a laborer in the employ of Messrs. Lynch, Byron & Hickey, contractors at work upon the dam at Metuchen, on the Scranton and Amboy railroad, was seriously, and probably fatally injured on Tuesday by a premature blast of nitro-glycerine.

A bronze statue of General Philip Kearny, ordered by the Legislature last winter, has been cast during the past five years for arrears of taxes and assessments, and the reputed owners have paid no attention to the fact or to subsequent assessments, and the Common Council has adopted a resolution directing the City Attorney to proceed at once against the property and secure either a full settlement of all claims, with interest and cost, or a clear title for the city.

The argument for a new trial in the case of Uddercock was heard on Tuesday at West Chester. Wayne McVeagh and Joseph Purdie, prisoner's counsel, appeared for the motion, and District-Attorney Wagner against it. The main argument of Messrs. McVeagh and Purdie was that two of the jurymen had expressed opinions before going on the jury, and were therefore incompetent.

On Monday night a four-horse team of horses attached to a heavy truck belonging to Hewes & Phillips, took flight at a train of cars while crossing the Erie railway track, in Newark, and ran away. The two drivers were hurled to the ground, the wheels of the heavy truck passing diagonally over the body of one of them named Morgan, injuring him, it is feared, fatally.

Disaster at Passaic.

A most unfortunate disaster, attended with loss of life, occurred in Passaic on Thursday last. A large four-story frame building in course of erection on Main street was blown down by the violence of the wind, killing George McLean and William Barkley, two prominent citizens who were engaged in conversation in front of the building a moment before it fell. The building belonged to Mr. Alfred Speer, the well-known wine manufacturer, who has been a resident of Passaic for eleven years. It was commenced a year ago, but after one story had been completed the Common Council began to discuss the propriety of widening East Main avenue, and the work was stopped. Again it was resumed and again stopped, until, when the frame was all up, the ordinance was passed, and the building, four stories in height, was moved back several feet. The workmen were just putting the slate on the Mansard roof when the storm came and they quit work, leaving only two or three men in the building. A little before 12 o'clock a sudden gust of wind struck the building. It shook and trembled, swayed to and fro for a moment, and then collapsed with a crash that was heard all over the town. Mr. McLean and Mr. Barkley were standing on the corner under the eaves of the building, and engaged in conversation. Mr. Whitehead, proprietor of the hotel two doors off, was about to cross the street to speak to these gentlemen when he heard a sharp, crashing sound, as of timbers breaking in the upper story. He called out to them to run, and had barely time to get himself out of danger when the structure came down. From the fact that the bodies of Mr. McLean and Mr. Barkley were found fifteen feet apart, it would seem that one or the others had started to run when the warning was given.

From the testimony of Jas. H. Carpenter, an architect who planned the building, it appeared, on the engineer's investigation, that the owner of the building had made many alterations in which the strength and safety of the building had been sacrificed. A story had been added, while the timber, in many instances, had been reduced in size.

The main girders had been placed crosswise instead of lengthwise, and there was no foundation wall running through the centre of the cellar, as had been contemplated.

The opinion had frequently been expressed, before the accident, that the building was unsafe to work upon and Mr. Speer had been repeatedly remonstrated with in regard to it. It had been difficult to get men to work on it, masters refusing because they would not risk their lives, and a carpenter only the other day preferring to resign out of work rather than invite self-destruction in such a manner.

On the other hand, Mr. Speer, who is proprietor of the Passaic Item, maintains that he was not guilty of recklessness or parsimony, and desires a suspension of public opinion against him until the matter shall have been thoroughly investigated.

A large number of workmen assembled in Military Park, in Newark, Wednesday afternoon, and organized a meeting in accordance with a call published without signatures. The meeting was ostensibly to consider the grievances of the working men. Inflammatory speeches were made. Michael Dolan, a bricklayer, was the first speaker. He said the city officials were setting them a bad example and spending thousands of dollars from the city. He thought the city should dispense with contractors and do the work themselves without midlemen to rob the poor. He said the work must be had peacefully if possible and if not, by physical force. His address was frequently greeted with applause. Archibald Vilet made a short speech and had a narrow escape from being bodily beaten, as his sentiments were not in unison with the crowd. A large force of police were sent to the place, and Vilet was arrested to save him from violence.

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